

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-15 are active in the case.

The Examiner is thanked for the courteous interview on March 24, 2005 in which agreement was reached on amendments to the claims placing the claims in condition for allowance.

The claims have been amended to place them in more readable form and to insert proper Markush language in the claims. Claim 1 has had the preamble amended to recite "A process for preparing a polyisobutene ether or thioether..." in accordance with the Examiner's request. Claim 2 has been amended to delete "preferably 1, 2 or 3". Claims 3, and 5-7 have been amended to remove multiple dependency. Claim 8 has been amended to recite the particulars of the polyisobutene epoxide of formula Id. New Claims 10-15 have been added to preferred embodiments. All the new claims are dependent upon Claim 2 and recite limitations excluded, when multiple dependency of Claim 3 and 5-7 was removed. New Claim 15 recites a polyisobutene ether or thioether obtained by the process of Claim 2. No new matter has been entered into the amended claims or new claims.

It is submitted that Claims 1-8 and 10-15 are allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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